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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

David Butler, Esquire  
Hearing Officer  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in South Carolina  
**Docket No. 2014-223-C**

Dear Mr. Butler:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Application of Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in South Carolina. ORS respectfully requests that it be permitted to be excused from the hearing in this matter.

By copy of this letter we are serving all parties of record. Thank you for your consideration regarding our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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